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Examiner Roberts:

Per our telephone discussion today, September 22, 2003, we are filing a supplemental amendment in response to the previous telephone conversation you and I had on September 17, 2003. Attached is the supplemental amendment. Also as discussed today, we are including the allowed, independent claims for commonly assigned application serial no. 09/580,777 for your consideration regarding double patenting.

Respectfully submitted,

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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: